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March 29, 2019

State Water Resources Control Board  
Attn: E. Joaquin Esquivel, Chair  
PO Box 100  
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

RE: Butte County - Water Testing/Technical Support

Dear Mr. Esquivel,

On behalf of the Butte County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to request immediate support be provided in restoring safe drinking water to the communities impacted by the Camp Fire. The Camp Fire is the most devastating wildfire ever to hit California, destroying over 14,000 homes. Along with the homes, the fire also destroyed a tremendous amount of infrastructure, including much of water delivery systems to many of our residents.

We request that the Division of Drinking Water, under the State Water Resource Control Board, provide immediate assistance to residents impacted by the Camp Fire. It is vital that reliable and safe drinking water be restored for the homes and businesses that survived. We ask that the Division of Drinking Water take an immediate leadership role in providing the following assistance:

- Expedited testing results (consider mobile state certified labs to improve turnaround time on testing results) and funded water testing for residents in their homes;
- Expedited and funded water testing for water agencies;
- Technical support to identify the best solutions for supplying safe drinking water;
- Funding for replacement of critical infrastructure and damaged plumbing in homes.

This type of devastation has never been seen before and ensuring safe drinking water for our residents is essential for the recovery of our community. Immediate technical assistance and funding is needed to accomplish this. We ask that this matter be raised to the highest of priorities within the Division of Drinking Water. Should you have any questions regarding our position, please do not hesitate to contact Shari McCracken, Chief Administrative Officer at 530.552.3305.

Sincerely,

Steve Lambert, Chair  
Butte County Board of Supervisors

cc: Members, Butte County Board of Supervisors

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